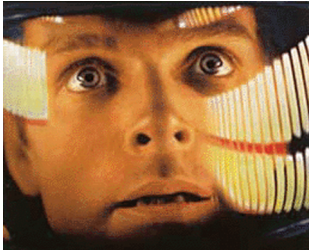


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Action begins work after sweeping SGA election

Will York
Senior Reporter

After sweeping the Student Government Association elections last Wednesday, Brittany McGruder and the Action Party set to work Monday assembling a coalition of support, holding interviews for committee chair positions and for Senate-at-Large seats.

Action won all three Executive Committee positions over the challenging Engage Party in the elections, with McGruder defeating Engage's Lorie Mallari for president, Eric Lipford defeating Nicholas Lewis for SGA vice president, and Rebecca Weaver defeating

SGA Vote Totals

President:
McGruder 694
Mallari 476
Vice President:
Lipford 654
Lewis 516
Secretary-General:
Weaver 660
McLean 510

Heather McLean for secretary-general.

McGrudersaidonMonday that the newly sworn-in Executive Committee was interviewing candidates for Senate committee chair positions on Monday and Tuesday and hopes to

name chairs for all Senate committees by Wednesday.

Shealso said her party will be interviewing candidates for Senate-at-Large seats, which are not apportioned by college population.

McGruder said she will take advantage of the maximum number of at-large senators the Constitution allows — up to one-third of the Senate, or 10 senators.

"I started out as a senator-at-large, so that's something that's really close to me," McGruder said. "It's definitely seen as a gateway into the Senate."

All but two Action Party members won seats in the Senate: Action's Meredith

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SGA presidential candidate Brittany McGruder — a member of the Action Party — discusses her party's platform with UT Martin student LoEva Jackson in the Quad before polls closed on Wednesday, April 16, 2008. (Pacer Photos/Will York)

Administration says faculty retention is top priority

Matt Cook
Executive Editor

Proposed salary increases and incentive packages are two ways UT Martin's administration says it is working to retain faculty members.

Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said that faculty leave the university for different reasons including personal reasons, opportunities to make more money at other institutions and the chance to do more scholarly work with a reduced teaching load.

"I have requested as my top budget priority for this year that we raise the salary increase that accompanies promotion to Associate Professor from \$1,500 to 10 percent of the faculty member's base salary," Ogg said.

"Dr. Rakes supports this, and we hope that will send a signal to our younger faculty that 'help is on the way.' It should also make us more competitive with our peers long-term," he said.

Ogg also said an incentives package for faculty who want to devote more time to research agendas is also being reviewed.

"Dr. Rakes started a process last year in which colleges were given additional, university-provided funding to support faculty research, and many of the colleges are using that to hire adjunct faculty to relieve the teaching loads on regular faculty who are engaging in research," Ogg said.

At least 19 searches for faculty are either currently open or have been recently completed this semester.

Agriculture and Natural Resources; Military Science; Accounting, Economics, Finance and International Business; Computer Science and Information Systems; Management, Marketing and Political Science; Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice; Education; Health and Human Performance; Biology; Chemistry; Geology, Geography and Physics; Mathematics; History and Philosophy; and Music have all searched for new faculty.

Ogg said that the university advertises for new faculty in many venues and also relies on current faculty members' knowledge of higher education circles to find the best candidates to recruit.

"Once we get them here for an interview, the deans, department chairs and I talk about not only what we are—an institution characterized by personal, rigorous instruction and collegial relationships—but what we hope, with their help and these new institutional funding commitments, to become," Ogg said.

"I hate that we are losing any faculty, but I am excited about the individuals we are going to be bringing in this fall," Ogg said.

Technical Editor Charlie McIntosh contributed to this report.

Military works on earthquake response after Midwest temblor

Woody Baird
Associated Press Writer

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (AP) — Military rescue teams training to respond to a killer earthquake crawled through tons of broken concrete and twisted metal Monday to get a feel for what they'll face if a major temblor hits the central United States.

And though the five-day training exercise for National Guard troops from four states had been planned for months, it took on afresh urgency following a 5.2 magnitude quake and a series of aftershocks that rattled nerves across the region on Friday and through the weekend.

The temblor, centered in southeastern Illinois, underscores the fact that earthquakes are "no-notice events," said Jim Bassham, director of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

"What we're doing here is to prepare for no notice because there'll be no notice," Bassham said as his agency joined in the training exercise centered at the National Guard armory at Millington, a small town north of Memphis.

More than 1,700 National Guard personnel from Tennessee, Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri were taking part in the exercise that began Saturday. The training scenario assumed that a huge earthquake — 7.6

magnitude — had hit at Memphis, which is about 50 miles from the New Madrid Fault, a series of cracks in the earth's surface believed capable of producing major temblors.

The Illinois quake, centered in a largely rural area, caused little damage, though it reportedly could be felt from Nebraska to Atlanta.

"The little rumble we had the other day — with an actual earthquake — I think set the tone for the exercise that we're all here to do today," said Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley, director of the Air National Guard, Arlington, Va.

For the exercise, the Air Guard flew in a small emergency field hospital packed up in modular units for rapid deployment and reassembly. Such hospitals, called Expeditionary Medical Support or EMEDS, can be staffed by the Guard or with medical personnel from the local area whose regular hospitals may be unusable.

"What they're doing in an area that's hardest hit is triage, trying to process as many people as they can and move those people to the hospitals that have not been damaged," McKinley said.

The training exercise focused largely on medical care, communications and rescue.

A 3,700-ton mound of broken concrete, twisted

rebar, crushed cars and steel beams was piled near the Memphis Fire Department training academy to simulate a collapsed hospital.

Rescue crews with the Illinois National Guard, wearing yellow moon suits because of a make-believe radiological hazard, pulled pretend victims from the wreckage and carried them to nearby medical tents for decontamination and treatment.

The New Madrid fault system runs about 120 miles from northeastern Arkansas to southern Illinois. It produced a series of earthquakes in 1811 and 1812 with strengths estimated at more than 7.0 magnitude. Some 200 temblors are recorded on the fault system annually but the vast majority are too weak even to be felt.

But scientists say the New Madrid is still capable of producing big quakes. Chances for a magnitude 6.0 or larger quake, which could cause serious damage depending on where along the fault system it struck, are put at 25 percent to 40 percent over 50 years.

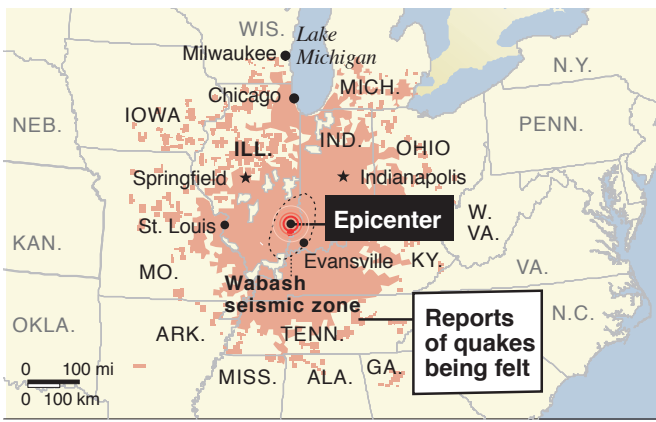
The most recent large New Madrid quake, estimated at magnitude 6.5, struck in 1895 near Charleston, Mo.

Last week's quake in Illinois was over the Wabash fault zone, which some scientists say may be related to the New Madrid

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Shaking the Great Plains

A 5.2-magnitude earthquake that struck early Friday was centered in southeastern Illinois. It was felt as far as Milwaukee, and nearly 400 miles to the southeast.



SOURCES: ESRI; USGS

Question not if, but when, quake will occur, prof says

Tomi Parrish
Faculty Adviser

After the earth shook early Friday morning, April 18, UTM was abuzz with personal stories of who felt the 5.2-magnitude earthquake centered in rural southern Illinois.

Aftershocks from the quake occurred during the day Friday and during the weekend, including a 4.0-magnitude aftershock, also centered in Illinois, that was recorded at 12:38 a.m. Monday, April 21. The Illinois quake and aftershocks occurred in the Wabash Valley fault system, a northern branch off of the New Madric Seismic Zone, which also includes

the New Madrid fault system near Martin.

Meanwhile, students and faculty continue to talk about "The Big One," the allegedly "overdue" large earthquake expected to occur somewhere along the New Madrid fault system.

"The question is not if we will get a large quake, but when it will occur," said Dr. Michael Gibson, a UTM professor of Geology. "Look at how quickly the quake in Illinois was felt here and how many people felt it. That ought to be an indicator of what the potential is if we have a similar or larger quake on the New Madrid fault."

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Police think buffet robbery suspect fled to NY

Jay Baker
Managing/News Editor

Martin police say the man they believe burglarized a local Chinese buffet for about \$20,000, along with the home of one of the buffet's managers has recently fled Chicago, his hometown.

"They are pretty sure he is nowhere around here. [Police] are tracking him down. They think he has left Chicago for New York," said Sammy Lyles, administrative captain with the Martin Police

Department.

While MPD provided *The Pacer* with the suspect's name, they requested that it not be printed. Police asked that *The Pacer* also not print a description because the suspect is not in the local area.

MPD had said earlier that an arrest was pending in the case and that they had tentatively located the suspect last Monday, April 15. Police said that an arrest has yet to be made because the suspect could not be found.

Police still have yet to confirm exactly how they have connected the suspect to the two burglaries. Martin Police Chief David Moore said Monday, April 15, that a reticulating saw left at the scene in Dragon Buffet was the key to linking the crime to the burglary of the home of one of its managers. Moore wouldn't confirm if fingerprints or something else led investigators to the suspect.

Follow www.utmpacer.com for continued updates on the case.



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Thursday, isolated t-storms and a high of 78, low of 62.

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Our View

Editorial:

Keep thoughts from Earth Week all year

Environmental concerns have been in the headlines and on the minds of Americans for sometime now. Whether or not they agree with the majority of scientists studying the issue most everyone now at least knows about global warming, or as it is more appropriately called, global climate change.

Earth Week, originally Earth Day, is a time for raising awareness on environmental issues and motivating people to take action. Despite this lofty and worthy goal, Earth Week has met criticism from some environmentalists who say that it trivializes the issue: it gives participants an easy way to relieve guilt over their environmentally unfriendly actions without actually making much of a change. *The Pacer* agrees with this criticism, to an extent.

Don't get us wrong, *The Pacer* is extremely pleased with the events offered by Earth Week this year and student's participation in them. The last thing we want is to do away with Earth Week.

Make changes in your life and convince others to do the same.

Rather, *The Pacer* encourages our readers to realize that being a good steward of our planet requires more than attending some events during Earth Week, no matter how well we believe they may be planned. Taking care of and protecting our planet requires a daily effort to conserve and preserve our resources as well as reducing our carbon emissions.

Walk or ride a bike instead of driving. Recycle. UTM has recently expanded its recycling capabilities to include plastics, a move we applaud. Buy local produce. There are many, many things students can do make a difference.

It is easy to listen to a speaker, or attend today's Dumpster Dive today from 2-4 p.m., but don't let your commitment end there. Make changes in your life and convince others to do the same.

The Earth may be an insignificant speck of dust on the cosmic scale, but it's our speck of dust ... and it's our only home. What are you doing to preserve it for your children?

The Pummeling Pen

By: Eric White

I would like to take this time to reflect back on my four year endeavor at college. Initially, I didn't want to attend school at Martin. Having already hailed from a small town, I didn't want to be stuck in another one. But I ended up here anyways, and I loathed it. However, I found that Martin is like a cheap wine that you have to acquire a taste for, and acquire I did. Since here, I have served on the Pacer staff with numerous magnificent and intelligent individuals. Teachers have usually been more than helpful, and most are not as spiteful as one might expect. To cut to the chase, I have enjoyed my time as a student here, and I am gratified to say that it was all well spent.

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To my dearest UTM:

I'm sorry. It's not you, it's me

It's time I keep moving on

Four years ago, I did not even know that you existed. However, fate brought us together and I decided to move cross country from my beloved Pennsylvania for you. The trip was a long one, and I did not know anyone when I got to Martin. I put all of my trust in you, and now I am afraid that things have started to change.

I used to love waking up with you at the crack of noon everyday when I was a freshman. We would go to class for a few hours and then party all night



Emily Yocum
Photographer

long. During that first year of our relationship, things never got too serious. As time has gone on, however, you have made me become a different type of person. I do not like going to 8 a.m. classes everyday, working two jobs, and staying up all night to finish class projects just to keep you happy. I am even pay-

ing out of state tuition just to stay here with you. Not to mention the fact that I have gained at least twenty pounds from all the stress that you have brought on. I feel that it is time for me to graduate to bigger and better things, like a real relationship, with a real job.

Don't get me wrong, it's been a fun ride. Remember when you let me skip class three times a semester, just so that we could stay at home in bed? Or at freshman orientation when you introduced me to all of your friends? Those were the good times.

Don't get me wrong, even though this relationship has had its ups and downs, I have loved every minute of it. I don't want to hurt you, but I also want to be honest. I have met someone else. His name is The Real World, and I feel like he is a better fit for me.

So, farewell UTM. You were the biggest risk that I have ever taken in life, and the only thing that I regret so far is the outrageous student loan that I will have to pay back. Thanks a lot.

Love,
Emily

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By: Charles Brubaker



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People in your corner make all the difference in college



David Hampton
A&E Editor

During my two short years here at UT Martin, I’ve had the good fortune of meeting and working alongside people who have helped me and challenged me in more ways than I can name.

I’ve learned a great deal from my professors, both in the English Department where I’m rounding out my minor studying mostly modern and twentieth century literature, and of course in the Communications Department.

Here in the Communications Department we really are like a family, albeit sometimes a dysfunctional one.

Working for *The Pacer* has given me a sharper eye, not only for typos but also for opportunities.

At first I was reluctant to join the staff, but it has turned out to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my college career. The people I’ve worked

with have challenged me in a positive way at every turn and have led me to be not only a better editor but also a better coworker and, I dare say, friend.

Aside from the usual farewell column fodder, I’d like to sum up my college career in four phases, summarized here in four unrea-

sonably brief paragraphs. The first phase began when I entered Jackson State Community College in the spring of 2003, not knowing whether I was college material and worried that I was not.

The second phase came after I was settled in at JSCC and had decided that I did belong in college — a revelation that was tremendously aided by several faculty members whom I still consider my friends.

The third phase took place when I transferred here to UT Martin in the spring of 2006. Being a transfer student isn’t easy,

and I didn’t know many people on campus, but it wasn’t long before I started to feel more at home. I was still mostly at a loss about what major to choose and what kind of goals I needed to pursue.

The fourth, and presumably final, phase of my college experience began when I decided to try out a major in Communications. I enjoy writing and had heard good things about the department so it seemed like a good idea. It was. I quickly found the faculty of the department welcoming, and they were there when I needed them. I also met students with whom I shared similar interests, and most importantly, a similar sense of humor.

Now as I look back and reflect on my journey from an apathetic high school graduate with no plans for the future to a college senior on the verge of graduation, I feel proud of myself, but I also feel that I owe a great debt of gratitude to the

We really are like a family, albeit sometimes a dysfunctional one.

Vigilance, fairness essential qualities for SGA, Faculty Senate leaders as UTM moves forward



Will York
Senior Reporter

In the four years I’ve been at *The Pacer*, I’ve seen UT Martin change enormously.

The physical landscape has changed considerably since I was a lowly assistant news editor in 2004: The university has razed dorm after dorm making way for more modern, visionary student housing that will surely recruit higher-quality students in the future.

Students also voted to raise their fees by \$103 per semester to build a \$16.5 million, cutting-edge fitness center, a nod to a long-term vision of a more physically active student body.

I trust that the university from which I will graduate soon will stay on-task, on-budget and on-target to fulfill the desires of the students. Rumor has it that there will be no swimming pool in the new fitness center, which was a stipulation of the proposal that passed a student referendum in 2005.

We were told years ago that construction could

begin by early 2008, but nearly five months in, I see only empty fields by Pacer Pond, the facility’s future site.

I’ve seen the campus change in intangible ways too over the past four years.

Tom Rakes began his new job as chancellor, and several senior leadership shuffles position UTM to take much-needed giant leaps forward on faculty and student recruitment and retention, academic quality, civil rights and other pressing fronts.

And after covering four student government elections, I believe Brittany McGruder and the Action Party are the best-equipped and most qualified leaders for a beleaguered SGA. Their task—to restore confidence in student government, move the organization from words to action and be true advocates for students—is enormous, but they are well-prepared.

I wish the SGA luck in dealing with backwards politics, complacency and a climate of antipathy toward student decisions both here and in Knoxville, and I hope for their success in transforming how the university responds to

students.

It was members of the Action Party, after all, who led a courageous campaign to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the litany of protected populations under the university’s nondiscrimination clause.

Only to have the Faculty Senate stall.

My tenure at *The Pacer* has been marked by writing hundreds of stories on myriad topics — from my first about a college picnic, to this, my farewell column. It is only fitting that what will likely be the last words I write for our newspaper be a plea to this university’s leaders to always make decisions out of fairness.

One of the many roles of journalism is to be a watchdog — to “comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.” As a journalist working here at *The Pacer* and at *The City Paper* in Nashville and at *The Associated Press* bureau in Tennessee, I’ve devoted much of my journalism

One of the many roles of journalism is to be a watchdog — to “comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.”

people who helped me get here.

I want to thank the professors at JSCC who urged me onward, even though they probably won’t see the UTM newspaper.

I want to thank the faculty here at UTM who have helped me to do my best and who have taken their time when I needed guidance and who are still doing so.

Most of all I want to thank my family. They have been there for me at every turn and have put up with and forgiven more mistakes than perhaps they should have.

I’ve enjoyed my time here at UTM, and I have made memories that mean very much to me. Thanks again to all of you.

Next fall, please send your complaints about the A&E section to Charlie McIntosh because if you think the coverage of arts and entertainment on campus was bad this year, just wait till that guy takes over.

A great summer to all and to all my fellow seniors: cheers!

career to calling out inequity.

Most of the time, this injustice never directly touched me, and it was easier for me to be fair and emotionally detached from both sides of the story.

But now the Executive Committee for the Faculty Senate — with advice from lawyers in high places — has once again mangled the will of students, and the sexual orientation amendment isn’t on the agenda for Tuesday’s meeting.

One member of the committee said religious students may be offended by codifying the university’s position against discrimination. A lofty and powerful visitor to their meeting said UTM is opening itself up to lawsuits. Others said discrimination against gays is simply not a problem on this campus.

Does this rhetoric sound like a progressive college campus, or is this — despite what I was told as a prospective high school senior — yet another example of

Memories, people define college life



Kirby McBride
Copy Editor

With graduation closing in, I have been reminiscing quite a bit lately about the time that I have spent here at UT Martin. There have been good times and bad times, mostly good though. The memories that I take from this place will stay with me for the rest of my life. But it’s time to move on to bigger and better things, mainly grad school (gulp).

With all this reminiscing, I know the things I will miss the most are evenings spent in the living room of either the dorms or the apartment watching all seven seasons of Buffy with Megan, Audrey and Sarah, canoeing down the Buffalo River and spending time working on papers. Yes I will miss the papers, weird, I know.

The time that I have spent here has allowed me to realize just exactly what I want to do with my life. Many people over the five years that I have been in

college have often asked me what I would do with an English major. When I first started I didn’t really know myself, but within the past couple of years, mainly after my first Communications (Communications being my minor) class I realized that I want to work in copy editing, at a newspaper or publishing company.

This past semester has been one of the best learning experiences that I have had. Working on *The Pacer* staff as copy editor has helped give me a good insight to the job that I want to do for the rest of my life, and surprisingly I have fun editing the columns that go into *The Pacer*. The influences that I have had from the English and Communications Departments have helped to make me into the person that I am today, and I want to thank everyone for their influences and help.

I’m going to miss UT Martin and the people that I have met while here, but I think that it is time to move on and get out of here. All I have to say to everyone is: “So long and thanks for all the fish.”

the intolerance the South is so noted for?

Campuses should be open and accepting to all viewpoints and walks of life; even if my path of gay vegetarianism offends your frail moral sensibilities, I should still be given human respect.

Fairness also includes keeping your word.

To that end, administrators should not mislead — intentionally or accidentally — students into making decisions with their money, or anything else.

I hope the SGA will continue to effectively challenge administrators to maintain fairness, and I hope SGA will be accountable to itself to be effective.

I have grown a great deal thanks to — and in spite of — UT Martin, and for that, I am grateful to this charming town and this warm university nestled among the soy.

I give particular thanks to the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, especially the department’s chairman Dr. Daniel Nappo and French professor Lucia Florido, for being such steadfast and diligent mentors.

I have not only vastly improved my French, but

the faculty of Modern Foreign Languages has also helped me grow as a person.

To all the UTM faculty and department chairs who did not have confidence in me, I also thank you for making my will grow stronger.

Remember to always strive for truth, dignity and honor — particularly when it doesn’t seem honorable.

Finally, to *The Pacer* staff, who have become some of my closest and fondest friends and intellectual confidantes, I wish you all the best as you continue to never settle for anything less than the best. I’m so proud of everything you’ve done and what we’ve been able to accomplish together over the past four years. Best of luck also to fellow graduates Sara M. McIntosh, David Hampton and Eric White; your talents will take you far.

My parting words are from American 20th century poet Max Ehrmann’s “Desiderata.”

“You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars. ... With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.”

Appreciate moments where life becomes the antagonist in life story: Overcoming hurdles makes bitter taste sweeter



Sara M. McIntosh
Viewpoints Editor

One of the most important lessons I can appreciate as holding the most substantive value while here at UTM is this: I realized who I am, what I am all about and how much I can endure in order to realize a dream. Granted, those seem trivial to most people because of the Hallmark card quality behind them, but I am at a loss of words (for once) for truly expressing the meaning of my college experience.

Hurdles. We all have them and at times we are not capable of seeing ahead because the hurdles are so burdensome and well suited to breaking a person’s character that it appears as if there is no relief for the ache felt all the way down in the soul. At times those hurdles can be the breaking point for most normal people; yet, relief exists within the moments of vindication and validation when the hurdles fade away and you can revel in your own

satisfaction of defying all the odds or hurdles and accomplish something most would have quit dreaming of a long time ago.

College for me was the hugest hurdle because I didn’t care when I first came as a freshman in 1999 (yes I am really that old). Everyone else wanted me to experience college, and I expected this epiphany that would answer all of my questions that were left unanswered after graduating high school. It wasn’t until I worked in a factory when I began to realize that those questions, nagging and burning as they were to be answered, only became devoid of existing as I tramped on the mundane entity of my life being wasted away pounding the pavement and revolving around the element of time.

Everyone always told me, including my superiors at my job, that once you leave college you’ll never go back, ever. Those people, as mean spirited and miserable as they were, served as my inspiration and my driving force to return to college. It wasn’t until I returned that I realized that my college experience was a personal vendetta I had to

revisit; however, this time I had every intention of proving something to the one person who doubted me the most, questioned my motivations every time and failed to believe in my capabilities: ME.

Let me say that, although I credit the successes and failures as creations of my own hand, without the faculty in all of the classes I have taken (and there are plenty), I could not have had this dream realized; it would have been just another failure to write off to dissatisfaction. Many of the professors I encountered were honest, caring and open individuals who were more than just willing to teach you a few things while in the classroom; they took time out of their schedules to talk with me, serve as a mentor to me and share with me their own trials and tribulations of college life.

I have retaken classes with professors that failed me my first go around with college, and I can say that it is because of these professors that I developed an understanding of myself and an answer to some of the questions that were nagging me before: I am a person of character who

willingly stands up when most people would remain seated. Michelle Merwin and Teresa Collard taught me this lesson, and I am forever indebted to these women for the drive to succeed and the esteem for me that was never there before.

There are so many professors who I could not have survived college without, and I would like to offer my gratitude for their patience, words of overflowing encouragement, moments where they became another hurdle to overcome, guidance, wisdom and above all their friendship. I know that sounds bizarre but I think that the professors I had in my collegiate life were more like friends than professors because of I believe they cared, which goes against every stereotype I ever heard about professors when I was in high school.

So, what is the point in this seemingly meaningless and reminiscent pity party? Without the hurdles around every turn and tripping me at every step, I would not have wanted this to ever be a dream, an aspiration realized. I learned through these two Bachelor Degrees

and four years at UTM that I am the one person who can either sink this ship or send it off to the high seas of opportunity.

At the moment, it may seem as if you are trapped in a hole that gets deeper and blacker with the passing of everyday. Remember that you are not alone and the faculty and students you encounter everyday have all had moments just like you: allow these people to help you, inspire you, motivate you and care about you because you will not succeed if you don’t realize the worth these people can add to the quality of your life.

To the professors I have had as a second family in the Communications Department: thanks for being my cheerleaders when I needed it most, forgiving me for all my faults or sarcastic tendencies (can be problematic I know), showing me the ways of the world in a time when fear fills the heart of many in this profession, teaching me things to keep me ahead of the game, and offering me advice through your impressive experiences in the job market. Although there may not be many of you, the quality you offer

to students as well as maintain in your hearts is by far the most worthy of recognition.

To the professors I have had (even if just for one class) in the English Department: you are all amazing people who work so very hard, which is sometimes overlooked by your students. I thank all of you for being hard on my writing and slaughtering my papers, teaching me to think outside of the box (even when it goes against what you are saying) and helping me find the voice behind the words being typed. Also, without your guidance my dream of graduate school and a graduate assistantship would not have been realized.

Thanks for the enlightenment and experiences that were immeasurable Herr Professor Hammond. I appreciate all of your real world experience, advice and guidance. Danke für alles!

Thanks for everyone, thanks for the memories and thanks for reminding me about all the good that does exist in this world as well as in me.

Scientists say Midwestern seismic zones, quakes not well understood

David Mercer
Associated Press Writer

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Scientists say they know far too little about Midwestern seismic zones like the one that rumbled to life under southern Illinois Friday morning, but some of what they do know is unnerving.

The fault zones beneath the Mississippi River Valley have produced some of the largest modern U.S. quakes east of the Rockies, a region covered with old buildings not built to withstand seismic activity.

And, when quakes happen, they're felt far and wide, their vibrations propagated over hundreds of miles of bedrock.

Friday's quake shook

things up from Nebraska to Atlanta, rattling nerves but doing little damage and seriously hurting no one. It was a magnitude 5.2 temblor centered just outside West Salem in southeastern Illinois, a largely rural region of small towns that sit over the Wabash fault zone. The area has produced moderately strong quakes as recently as 2002.

But it hasn't been studied to nearly the degree of quake-prone areas west of the Rockies, particularly along the heavily scrutinized Pacific coast.

"We don't have as many opportunities as in California," said Genda Chen, associate professor of engineering at the University of Missouri-Rolla, which sits near the

well-known and very active New Madrid fault zone.

"We cannot even borrow on the knowledge they learn on the West Coast" because quakes that happen in California — where tectonic plates beneath the Earth's surface collide — are so different from Midwestern quakes that happen far away from the edges of the nearest plates.

It isn't entirely clear, for instance, whether the Wabash faults are related to the New Madrid faults or not.

Some scientists say they are related, noting that the Wabash faults, which roughly parallel the river of the same name in southern Illinois and Indiana, are a northern extension of the New Madrid zone. Others

say they're not.

The New Madrid fault zone produced a series of quakes in 1811 and 1812 that reached an estimated magnitude 7.0, putting them among the strongest known quakes to have occurred east of the Rockies. The quakes changed the course of the Mississippi River and were felt in New England.

That distance of well over a thousand miles sounds impressive, but experts say quakes that happen in the Midwest commonly radiate out for hundreds of miles because of the bedrock beneath much of the eastern United States.

"Our bedrock here is old, really rigid and sends those waves a long way," said Bob Bauer, a geologist with the Illinois State Geological

Survey who works in Champaign.

He compared the underground rock, which in much of the Midwest lies anywhere from a few thousand feet to just a few feet below the earth's surface, to a bell that very efficiently transmits seismic waves like sound.

"California is young bedrock," he explained. "It's broken up ... like a cracked bell. You ring that, the waves don't go as far."

The question of whether Friday's quake was centered along a branch of the New Madrid zone or not is of more than academic interest. The area even now produces smaller, very regular quakes, and experts say it still has the potential to produce a quake that

could devastate the region.

The Wabash faults have the potential to do the same, at least based on distant history, said Columbia University seismologist Won-Young Kim.

The strongest quake produced in recent history by the Wabash was a magnitude 5.3 in southern Illinois in 1968, but researchers have found evidence that 4,000 to 6,000 years ago, much stronger quakes shook the region, Kim said, as strong as magnitude 7.0 or more.

A similar quake is still possible, if the region is given time to build up enough energy, Kim said. But knowledge about the area is too thin to say whether that's likely, he added.

AAUW walks barefoot for Sudanese refugees

Amanda Weedon
Pacer Writer

The UTM student chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will be walking barefoot on campus Thursday, April 24, to raise money for the Sudanese Community and Women's Services Center in Nashville.

Jennifer Swegles, AAUW student president, said the chapter chose the Sudanese refugee center because members believe the refugees do not have equitable opportunities in America.

For the past few years, genocide has been ongoing in Sudan, causing its citizens to migrate to countries all over the world simply to protect their lives. Many end up in Nashville; in fact, 8,000 Sudanese refugees currently reside in Middle Tennessee, Swegles said.

All funds raised will go toward ESL (English as a Second Language) classes at the Center. The primary problem faced by refugees is the language barrier once they reach the United States. Many cannot read, write or speak English. Without the ability to communicate, life in America becomes difficult.

"Our particular focus is to ensure that Sudanese women receive equal and adequate education in English so they may be functioning members of American society, but we do not limit ourselves by excluding our assistance to men. What tends to occur is the wives of the Sudanese men are not educated whatsoever and this hinders their ability to learn English, which is a necessity in America," Swegles said.

AAUW also will have a

table and donation bins in the UC from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday to provide more information on how to help Sudanese refugees.

"We feel that those who have and are able should help those who are not so fortunate," Swegles said. "This fundraiser will hopefully promote one of the mantras of AAUW: 'Because Equity is Still an Issue.' We are a new group on campus and hope that this fundraiser will also promote awareness of our existence while advocating a women's issue."

Tax-deductible donations can be made to the AAUW, UTM chapter, via Swegles or any other AAUW member. Donations also can be made directly to the Center at the following address: Sudanese Community and Women's Services Center, 3221 Nolensville Pike, Suite 103, Nashville, Tenn. 37211.

UTM student places 2nd in Tenn. Area Japanese speech competition

James Buchanan Jr.
Pacer Writer

A UTM student recently placed second in the first Tennessee Area Japanese Speech Contest held at Vanderbilt University.

Jena Stilwell of Linden, Tenn., entered the speech contest along with four other students to display their skills in front of an audience. Stilwell entered the second-level speech competition and won second place. Although this accomplishment was the first of its kind for the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Stilwell said it was hard fought.

"First going in, I was nervous, but very excited," Stilwell said. "We did not have a prompt. We just had to talk for 4-5 minutes. The

experience makes me want to do more."

Stilwell plans to apply for the JET (Japanese Exchange and Teaching) program this fall. When the invitation to participate in the competition was offered to Japanese students at UTM, many declined to participate. Stilwell, however, decided to step up and try.

"The involvement gave value," said Kyoko Hammond, a lecturer of Japanese at UTM. "Hearing from other schools showed the wide variety of levels. It was interesting to see the student reach goals and gain experience."

Hammond said the competition may possibly be held at UTM in the future. Various events concerning Japanese culture have always been an enjoyable

and educational experience for UTM students, she said.

"The Japanese club will be official soon," Hammond said. "Although the president and vice president will be leaving for Hirosaki University next fall, we are still planning to do more activities. The competition will lead to future opportunities."

Ten universities entered the competition. Sponsors of the event included American Airlines and Brother International. The grand prizes for the competition were one round-trip ticket to Tokyo, a five-day rail pass, and \$500. The second-place prizes were a Japanese electronic dictionary and \$100.

Alexander disagrees with McCain gas tax cut

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, Tenn. (AP) — Republican U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander says he does not support John McCain's push to eliminate gasoline and diesel taxes for the summer driving season.

Alexander made the comment after speaking Monday at the dedication of an addition to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

Alexander also said he wants to see all money collected from gasoline taxes put

into transportation.

Republican presidential candidate McCain has proposed easing high costs at the pump by eliminating the 18.4 cent federal gas tax and 24.4 cent diesel tax from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

By some estimates, the government would lose about \$10 billion in revenue.

Alexander says that loss in revenue will hurt road projects and force people to choose which traffic jam to "make worse."

Commentary

In the Counselor's Corner: The Stress Free Zone: Why Do We Do It?



Dr. Jennifer Levy-Peck,
Director of Counseling Center

Most of you know that during the first four days of final exams each semester, the Counseling Center sponsors something called the "Stress Free Zone." For four afternoons, we establish a space in the University Center where students can make stress balls, get a chair massage from a licensed massage therapist, play games, eat a free snack, do arts and crafts, and generally hang out and have a good time. We give door prizes and this year we are even offering an opportunity for students to participate in a biofeedback demonstration. The last couple of years we've taught students who were interested how to knit or crochet so they could participate in making a blanket for charity.

Frankly, the Stress Free Zone is a lot of work for all the Counseling Center staff. The first year I was at

UT Martin, before I became Director of the Counseling Center, our then-Director brought the idea of the Stress Free Zone with him from his previous university. He and I were the only two counselors at that time, and he had to go out of town on a business trip for the first few days the SFZ was scheduled. I wound up setting the whole huge project up myself, taping newspaper on the floor to protect it from crafts, and let's just say I wasn't too thrilled about the concept at that time. But then the students started to arrive to enjoy the Zone, and I saw why it was worth all the effort. It was fun! We really do provide an oasis in the desert of stress that comes with final exams, and it is a great project.

For the past nine years, twice a year, I've been involved in putting the Stress Free Zone together and hosting it, along with all of our terrific Counseling Center staff. An extra benefit of the Zone is that students who have never been to the Counseling Center can get to know the coun-

selors in an informal setting and then they often feel more comfortable to seek our services if they need them in the future.

Over the years, I have really enjoyed seeing students come in, smile, and relax almost instantly as they remembered previous Stress Free Zones and the fun they had. Students help each other with projects and come and go as their schedules permit. There is a neighborly atmosphere, and it is a positive diversion from studying nonstop. Some students enjoy having a place to hang out after exams are finished, before it is time to leave campus. It's a pleasure to see their creative efforts with paint, play-dough, and collage materials, and to hear the laughter of students playing board games or making stress balls (which can get a little messy at times!). The worry melts off of people's faces and they leave with a livelier step and a more relaxed expression.

We hope to see you this year — we put the effort into being your hosts so that you can be at your best!

Finding your dream job easier than you think

Emily Wood
Pacer Writer

Searching for a dream job can be a challenging experience for any student. However, given the right sources, it can be just a few steps or clicks away.

UTM offers several ways to help in the job hunt both online and here on campus. The Employment Information Center at UTM is a great place to start a job search.

"Although the Internet is a valuable resource, the best way to get a job is by personally networking, it's the best and easiest," said Candace Goad with the UTM Employment Information Center.

A great Web site is the statewide job site that is used by all State Institutions and Universities and some Private Schools throughout Tennessee, Goad said. You can upload your resume, look through job and internship positions and apply for them at this address www.erecruiting.com.

Goad provides these general job searching and online tips:

- What are employers looking for? "Everything!" They want a prospective employee with "community outreach, technical skills, clear and effective writing skills, grammar skills, everything." They want the individual to be very "well rounded."
- When is a good time to begin a job search? "About 6 months before you plan to graduate. Have your resume ready, your interview outfit prepared and know what type of job you want. The average length of time before a graduate gets a job is about 6 months after they graduate."

- What is the best way to format a resume using templates, etc? Are they a good idea? Using templates are ok, but you won't get the job if you're 'ok.' "Templates can be your good first draft, then use your information to be creative and build your own template with your own personal flair."

Listed are some Web Sites that Goad recommends:

- www.careerbuilder.com - very good
- www.tennessee.gov/labor-wfd. - State site
- www.monsterTRAK.com
- www.utm.edu/%7Eemploy/employ.htm
- www.erecruiting.com - as mentioned earlier

In the Employment Information Center, there are many valuable resources. Goad says the publication published by the National Association of Colleges and Employers titled "Job Choices" is a great resource that contains information for a variety of jobs, Web Sites for possible jobs and more tips and success stories.

"Just a great resource," Goad said.

If you have any questions, please contact Goad or anyone at the Employment Information Center, 215 University Center.

"The University of Tennessee at Martin students have a reputation of strong work ethic and rural background. Employers recognize an UTMartin graduate has a quality applicant," Goad said.

"The main thing to remember in your job search, no matter how long it takes, don't get frustrated," she said.



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SGA: Continued from Cover

Leigh Dunn lost her bid in the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, and Audrey Williams lost in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

McGruder won the presidency with 59 percent of votes cast, compared with 41 percent support for Mallari.

"We are ecstatic about the news," McGruder said at Action's victory party at McDonald's on University Street, where the party spent late hours during the campaign making posters and handbills. "We are very, very happy that the students came out and showed their support, that the students decided to take action. We're very grateful about the campaigns that were run cleanly and I have profound respect for what the Engage Party stood for."

Mallari called McGruder after hearing the returns and offered her congratulations.

"(The campaign) was a good experience," Mallari said. "It was a good, even campaign. Both parties had a lot of the same campaign items, and I wish them a lot of luck."

Mallari said she's uncertain about her plans beyond the election, but student government may not be in her future.

"Brittany (McGruder) and I had our differences — and obviously their platform has priorities over ours — so I'm not sure how we would be able to work together," Mallari said.

Lipford took 56 percent of the 1,170 votes cast for vice president, and Weaver won 56 percent support for secretary-general.

In all, Action swept all but one college in its bid to take control of the SGA Executive Committee, building huge margins in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

Engage won the College of Agriculture and Applied

Sciences in the races for president, vice president and secretary-general.

Engage vice presidential candidate Nicholas Lewis and secretary-general candidate Heather McLean are both agriculture majors, something McGruder hinted may have given them an edge in that college.

"I don't think it indicates that we had a broader base of support," McGruder said Monday between interviews for Senate leadership positions. "I think it shows that people vote for the people they see in class, but I don't think people consciously vote along college lines. They vote for the message."

Ultimately, Engage's support in Agriculture (Mallari beat McGruder by only 33 votes in that college; Lewis beat Lipford by 77 votes) weren't enough to make up for wider margins in other colleges.

A referendum to lower the yearbook fee from \$8.50 per semester to \$7 and cover the BeanSwitch literary magazine and The Pacer student newspaper passed 671-260.

The referendum will do away with the traditional, hard-cover yearbook and move parts of the publication online. The referendum allows for a much shorter, soft-back edition of the yearbook produced in the spring without individual student pictures.

"I am pleased that the students approved the yearbook referendum, particularly by such a large margin," said Tomi Parrish, coordinator of Student Publications. "Our next step is to discuss the referendum with the Publications Committee and then begin planning for all the changes that must now occur."

"Developing a magazine-style yearbook is a new frontier for Student Publications," Parrish said. "I am excited by all the possibilities, but I also know the reality and challenges involved in designing a new

model for our work. It will be an entertaining year, to say the least."

In the College of Humanities and Fine Arts — the most closely contested Senate race — Action swept all seven spots they contested, with Jennifer DeYeso from the Engage Party winning the eighth and final seat in UTM's most populous college.

Engage's Kady Elliott, Brandon Martin and Rachel Stephens lost their Senate bids in Humanities and Fine Arts.

Agriculture and Applied Sciences was the only college where Engage swept, winning all five vacancies.

Action's Brad Kendall, Phillip Massengill and John Johnson won three of the four vacant seats in Business and Public Affairs, and Engage's Jason Holloway won the fourth.

Engage Party members Josh Rainey and Hannah Taylor lost their Business and Public Affairs bids.

Brittany Hudson from the Action Party was the top vote-getter in the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, winning 18.3 percent of the vote.

Action's Tiffany Ann Brewer won the second-place spot, followed by Scarlett Hixon (Engage) and Mikai Banks (Action).

Former Sen. Kyle Kragenbrink (Engage) lost re-election by one vote to Banks.

Independent Jamie Crist also lost a bid for the Senate.

Turnout was at 17.4 percent of eligible undergraduate voters this year, slightly higher than last year's SGA elections, when students and athletes went to the polls to vote on a controversial fee increase for athletics.

A total of 1,170 students cast votes in this year's election, compared to slightly over 1,000 last year.

Quake: Continued from Cover

related to the New Madrid fault system. The strongest Wabash temblor in recent history was a magnitude 5.3 quake in southern Illinois in 1968.

In the same way Friday's quake brought focus to the Tennessee exercise, organizers of an earthquake-preparedness seminar in Metropolis, Ill., planned for May said it's helping draw more attendees.

"The earthquake was good timing. We have PR in high places," said Linda Poston, a staff member for

an extension office covering five southern Illinois counties. "Isn't that ironic? We couldn't believe it."

Associated Press Writer Jim Suhr in St. Louis contributed to this report

Threat: Continued from Cover

Gibson also said the term "overdue" is not particularly accurate.

"We can document about five really big quakes that have occurred on the New Madrid fault line in the past 1,500 years," he said. "When you run statistics on those numbers, then the average becomes about one large quake happening every 500 years. Averages, though, are extremely misleading — three of those five quakes occurred in a two-month period in December 1811 and January 1812 (forming Reelfoot Lake).

"When you look at other indicators, however, we have an 80 percent to 90 percent chance of experiencing a 6.0 or higher quake in the next 50 years," Gibson said. "So we're not so much overdue, but the probability of a large quake occurring near here is high."

Gibson added that students should be prepared in the event of a major quake.

"First off, be ready to be totally on your own for about two weeks, especially in terms of food, water and medical supplies," he said. "Our infrastructure is such that it will be difficult for emergency management officials to get here quickly. Keep a pair of shoes next to your bed and keep your glasses or medicines handy. Once the quake hits, you'll have about 30 seconds to take cover."

"This is not a perceived threat," Gibson said. "It's a real threat."

Other tips for how to handle an earthquake emergency can be found on the UTM Public Safety Web site. They include:

- Keep a flashlight and portable radio handy, along with a supply of fresh batteries.
- If you are indoors when a quake occurs, stay indoors and take cover under a heavy desk or table, in doorways, in halls or against inside walls. Stay away from glass.
- If you are outdoors, move away from buildings and utility wires. Get into an open spot to avoid falling debris.
- If you are in a vehicle, stop the vehicle but stay inside of it. Once the shaking stops and you can drive again, watch for road hazards created by the quake.
- After the quake, stay out of severely damaged buildings and expect aftershocks to occur. Do not move seriously injured people unless they are still in danger from debris or fire; don't smoke or use anything flammable that might cause a fire; and shut off your water supply at the main valve if pipes are damaged.

Public Safety also will be taking part in the TNCAT-07 Earthquake drills again this summer. A full-scale disaster drill simulating a 7.7-magnitude earthquake was held June 20, 2007, at UTM.

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04/07/2008 at 8:20 am – Lot 12 – Vehicle towed for excessive parking violations.
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04/07/2008 at 2:47 pm – Lot 2 – Report taken for a two vehicle accident.
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04/08/2008 at 7:43 am – Crisp Hall – Report taken for lost property.
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04/08/2008 at 12:03 pm – Crisp Hall – Report taken for a hit and run accident.
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04/08/2008 at 1:18 pm – Humanities – Report taken for theft of property.
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04/08/2008 at 5:32 pm – Crisp Hall – Report taken for theft of property.
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04/08/2008 at 7:10 pm – Mt. Pelia Rd. – Assisting the Weakley County Sheriff's Department with a traffic stop.
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04/08/2008 at 10:20 am – Lot 13 – Vehicle towed for excessive parking violations.
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04/10/2008 at 12:16 am – Lot 7 – Shealynn Helton was found to be in violation of the drinking age law. Referred to Student Affairs.
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04/10/2008 at 1:48 pm – Browning Hall – Report taken for theft of property. Investigation continues.
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04/10/2008 at 4:57 pm – Ellington Hall – Report taken for a verbal disagreement.
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04/10/2008 at 2:24 pm – University Village – Report taken for theft of property. Property was located and returned to owner.
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04/12/2008 at 1:53 am – Ag Pavilion – Joshua Lowe was placed under arrest for DUI, 1st offense.
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04/12/2008 at 11:55 am – Football Stadium – Report taken for a medical assist. Patient was transported to Volunteer Community Hospital by EMS.
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04/13/2008 at 11:34 am – Lovelace Ave. – Larry Rust was issued a citation for violation of the registration law (Martin Municipal Court).
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04/14/2008 at 3:58 pm – University Village – Report taken for vandalism to a vending machine. Investigation continues.
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04/14/2008 at 3:46 pm – Cooper Hall – Report taken for theft from a vending machine. Investigation continues.
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04/15/2008 at 8:45 am – Lot 12 – Citation issued to Bobby Elks for a stop sign violation (Martin Municipal Court).
- 24

04/15/2008 at 1:05 pm – Lot 3 – Vehicle towed for excessive parking violations.
- 25

04/15/2008 at 2:49 pm – Gooch Hall – Report taken for theft of motor vehicle parts. Investigation continues.
- 26

04/16/2008 at 11:32 pm – Jeffress St. – Citations issued to Jake Davidson and Julie Joyner for underage drinking. Referred to Student Affairs.
- 27

04/17/2008 at 1:46 am – Lot 5 – Report taken for a medical assist. Patient refused transport.
- 28

04/16/2008 at 3:50 pm – Administration – Report taken for theft of property. Property was recovered.
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04/17/2008 at 12:12 pm – Ellington Hall – Report taken for a medical assist. Patient transported to Volunteer Community Hospital by EMS.
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04/18/2008 at 11:38 am – Lot 5 – Vehicle towed for excessive parking violations.
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04/18/2008 at 4:53 pm – Lovelace Ave. – Citations issued to William Baird for driving on a suspended license (General Sessions) and failure to yield right of way (Martin Municipal Court).
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04/20/2008 at 3:18 am – Skyhawk Parkway – Arrest made and citations issued to Justin Alexander for DUI 1st offense, violation of implied consent law and speeding (General Sessions).
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04/20/2008 at 10:34 pm – Lee St. – Report taken for suspicious activity.

Campus Bulletin Board

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Tuesday, April 22:

11:30am-12:30pm Times Talk, "Sacredness of the Earth", Library 2pm-4pm Dumpster Dive, Between Library and UC

Wednesday, April 23:

12pm-2pm Kilowatt Ours, Gooch Auditorium 4pm-6pm Kilowatt Ours, Humanities Room 215

Thursday, April 24:

3pm-5pm West Tennessee Recycling Symposium, Watkins Aud. 9pm-10pm Earth Hour, Lights out party at BDX

Saturday, April 26:

8am-1pm Recycling Collection, Football Stadium Parking Lot

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Vanguard Theatre to host last production of semester, ‘Sylvia’

LaToya Brent
Pacer Writer

The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will present “Sylvia,” its last production of the semester, April 25 through 27 at 8 p.m. nightly.

The play, written by A. R. Gurney, was first produced in New York City in 1995 and starred a young Sarah Jessica Parker as Sylvia.

The script deals with a Manhattan couple, Greg and Kate. She is a school teacher on the rise in her career and he is a financial trader who is on shaky ground, career wise.

Greg, played by Nick Mounts in this production, finds a street-smart dog in Central

Park. The dog is wearing a tag that only involved in the storyline. They are Phyllis, portrayed by Katie Mercuri, Leslie by Dominique Wilson and Tom by Ben Stoer.

“Although the play is about a dog, it deals with many human lessons of relationships, communication and love.”

He also said that he thinks the audience will find it very entertaining. This will be the last performance as students of UTM by Nick Mounts and Katie Mercuri as they are graduating seniors.

- Ken Zimmerman
Vanguard Theatre Director

For this production Doug Cook serves as set designer. Costume design is being handled by Melanie Hollis, sound production by Tim Barrington and lighting design by Jessica Sims.

The play will be held in the Laboratory Theatre located in room 127 of the Fine Arts building. It includes some adult language and content, and will be very racy at times.

There will be no advance ticket sales and seating will be limited. Tickets will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

The box office will open at 7 p.m. nightly. For more information contact the department at 881-7400.

Greeks raise money for charity at All Sing

Reuben Harris
Pacer Writer

The 47th Annual All Sing was held Saturday, April 19 at the Student Life Center. Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a fraternity that is based on Men of Music, hosted the event.

The ladies of Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi and Chi Omega competed in the event to raise money for The Hometown Walk of Hope and The Obion County Cancer Agency. The agency helps cancer patients with any financial needs they may have.

Sinfonian brother Keith Harvey made two appearances on the stage that night to perform.

The Beth Maloan Outstanding UTM Student Employee Award went to Aisha Clayton. This award goes to a student who demonstrates excellence in not only their job performance but also in their work ethic.

A few of Alpha Delta Pi’s songs included “There She Goes,” “Turn the Beat Around” and “I’ll Be There for You.”

“The most difficult song that we performed was ‘Turn the Beat Around,’ because in a part of that song we had to sing

a three-part harmony and a cappella,” said Ann Justice, one of Alpha Delta Pi’s performers.

The ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi performed songs from the legendary rock band Queen, including “We are the Champions,” “We will Rock You,” “Bohemian Rhapsody” and “Another One Bites the Dust.”

The last act of the night was the ladies of Chi Omega, who performed songs from the Temptations, the Supremes and the Jackson 5. A few of the songs were “My Girl,” “Ain’t no Mountain High Enough” and “ABC.”

The event raised \$4,500 for The Hometown Walk of Hope and The Obion County Cancer Agency.

The awards for the sororities that performed at All Sing were as follows: 3rd place went to Alpha Omicron Pi, 2nd Place went to Alpha Delta Pi and 1st place and the overall winner of All Sing went to the ladies of Chi Omega.

“I think that everybody in Alpha Delta Pi’s performance did amazing,” said Jennifer Coffee, a member of Alpha Delta Pi who also performed in the event.

Music Department presents piano ensemble

Jamie Smith
Pacer Writer

On Monday, April 14, the Department of Music presented its Piano Ensemble recital.

The recital was the culmination of a semester of hard work by the four student members. The performance featured nine different pieces—varying in theme and difficulty—and special performances by members of the Philharmonic Music Guild of Martin.

The members of Philharmonic Music Guild who preformed at the recital included Rella Carp, Linda Farmer, Allison Nelson, Amy Yeung, professor of vocal music, and Elaine Harriss, who also directs the Piano Ensemble.

The student performers were Andrew Moore, freshman music and chemistry double major, Harold

Johnson, freshman music education major, Brandon Whaley, first year music major, and Terrill Wilson, who is the only non-music major in the group. Wilson is a biology major.

One of the highlights of the evening included a tribute to piano comic Victor Borge. The piece was entitled C.S. Theme and Variations, a piece designed for one piano and four hands. It was preformed by Andrew Moore and Elaine Harriss. The piece is a humorous take on the well know tune of Chopsticks and climaxed when the music reached such a fevered pitch that it required the performers to actually switch places mid performance. The piece was well preformed and a crowd favorite.

Other pieces preformed include “Rondo,” composed by Friedrich Smetana. The piece featured performanc-

es by Andrew Moore and Brandon Whaley on one piano and Elaine Harriss and Harold Johnson on the other.

The piece was “exciting and up-tempo...one of the very best pieces written for two pianos and eight hands,” Harriss said.

“Venus, The Bringer of Peace” from The Planets by Gustav Holst. This piece is most frequently performed by orchestra but was originally written for two pianos. This piece was performed by special guest performers Allison Nelson and Elaine Harriss.

All of the pieces performed were originally written for piano ensemble except “Put on a Happy Face” from Bye Bye Birdie which was performed by Harold Johnson and Brandon Whaley.

SAC ‘Double Dares’ students to get slimed this week

Brian Hewitt
Pacer Writer

At the End-of-the-Year Student Bash, taking place at Pacer Pond from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on April 22, the Student Activities Council will host its Double Dare Challenge.

To complement the Third Annual Mike Munkel BBQ, SAC will be ready to slime students with the infamous green slime, known from the hit game show Double Dare.

There will be 16 teams consisting of four students each, so arrive early to play. The winning team will take home \$400.

“The event is free to enter and open to any UTM students. The first 16 teams to sign up will be allowed to enter. Registra-

tion is from 3 to 3:30 p.m. It’s going to be awesome,” said Justin Chandler, Entertainment Chair of SAC.

The Double Dare Challenge is similar to the game show where the slowest person gets slimed.

The dining hall will be closed for the BBQ, but students with meal plans will be accepted.

All proceeds from the BBQ will go to the UTM Children’s Center.

To participate in the Double Dare Challenge, sign up at the UC Information Desk, contact SAC Martin on Facebook or write SAC at www.sac.utm.edu.

Students can also arrive early at the event to receive a spot.

New photo exhibit highlights Tennessee landmarks and landscape

Exhibit in University Museum will provide varied views of Volunteer State

Staff Reports

Visitors may gain a new perspective on the state of Tennessee at the current exhibit at the University Museum located in the Paul Meek Library.

“Pride of Place,” a juried exhibition of 21 photographs showing scenery from the state between Memphis and Bristol, includes photos shot by citizens ranging from grade-school students to professional photographers.

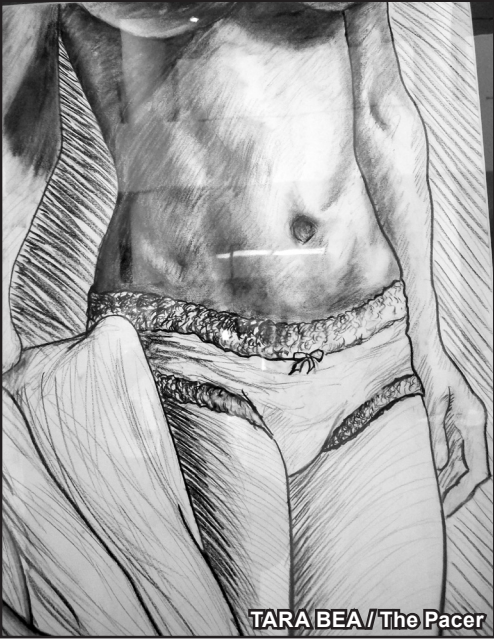
The photos, some in black and white and some in color, highlight the landscape and landmarks of the state.

The exhibition is sponsored by Scenic Tennessee Inc., which is a project supporting the Tennessee Bottle Bill, a statewide recycling initiative.

The exhibit will run through graduation.

The University Museum is publicly accessible from the Special Collections reading area, just past the circulation desk off the Paul Meek Library lobby. Its hours are 8 to 5 weekdays. Admission is free.

Give your eyes and mind a rest between studying, taking finals or submitting grades.



Student artwork is on display in the Fine Arts Gallery for the Visual and Theatre Arts Senior Art Exhibit. The VTA exhibit is an annual event that features the artwork of students from throughout the school year. Students could submit artwork in several different categories, and submissions were reviewed by the visual arts faculty for inclusion. The exhibit will run through April 28.

Eating healthy on a college budget: the basics

Emily Wood
Pacer Writer

Every college student struggles with the same problem every day: what to eat and how to pay for it. Some choose the healthy approach, though costly, and others choose the cheap, but unhealthy approach. So how can they make better food choices?

“College students fall short most with their lack of consumption of fruits and vegetables on a regular basis,” said Lori Littleton, Assistant Professor of the Department of Family & Consumer Sciences.

Their consumption of fast foods, excess salt, fat and alcohol are also to blame, Littleton said.

Time and resources are the main culprits in college students’ bad and unhealthy eating habits. Littleton provides some daily tips that students can follow to eat healthy and still stay within their tight budgets:

- Fast food is OK, but get a baked potato instead of french fries, choose a salad instead of a burger or grilled chicken instead of fried chicken.

- Try to make time to prepare a home-cooked meal with your friends and cook enough to have leftovers for later or to be frozen for another time so you won’t run to the fast food places as often.

- For those of you in the dorms, make a meal using the microwave that can still allow for leftovers and be inexpensive.

- When making a sandwich, use whole grain bread, 98 percent fat free lunchmeat,

low-fat cheese and eat raw vegetables instead of chips, or choose baked chips.

- It is always healthier to bake instead of fry food.

- If you do choose to fry, extra virgin olive oil is the best choice, but it is somewhat expensive. The next best route is canola oil, with vegetable oil being the least healthy.

- Also, get enough exercise and adequate sleep, this will make you feel better, and you are less likely to consume unhealthy or dangerous food/drink choices.

Another helpful source, Kidshealth.org states, “college offers many temptations.” We are on our own and free to try and eat whatever we want. This freedom comes with responsibility and knowing our limits. Eating unhealthy doesn’t just cause you to gain weight; it comes with numerous health problems.

“People who are overweight are more likely to have high blood pressure, high cholesterol, breathlessness, joint problems and may even develop diabetes,” according to the site.

When looking for all these healthy options at the store, check prices and be aware of what you are buying. Yes, it may be a little more expensive, but you will truly save in the long run with your health.

“Remember that every person doesn’t eat healthy,” said Littleton, but if you are more conscious and aware of your decisions, that is always better for your health and your wallet.

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From the Geek Corner

Keeping up with your world

In the View Points section of this week's Pacer many of our senior staff have written senior farewell columns offering a final bit of advice paired with salutations to the readers. Although I will not be graduating next semester my column this week will take a similar tone. With much of our senior leadership lost to the "real world" it is uncertain if the next editor of the Technophile will have me write a weekly column, therefore I will assume that this could be my last.

That being said I would like to reiterate again the theme which resonated through most of my columns, that theme being that we (the users/consumers/inventors) have the power to shape and form how technology is spread throughout our society. However, while that has been stated either implicitly or explicitly in many columns it is important to note that while we have a heavy hand in the processes of shaping technology, technology itself has almost equal footing in how we go about our everyday life.

This column is entitled "From the Geek Corner" and although the word



Jon-Michael St. Amant
Technology Columnist

"geek" once had negative connotations, I believe that this is no longer the case. I believe that many of us are geeks, but not nerds. The difference here is that we appreciate technology and know how to use it to our advantage. This is different from our grandparents, who despite just now realizing how cool e-mail is, are probably better off without a Blue Ray disc player.

Basically, there comes a point in which there is really no fighting the change that comes. Technology is shaping our world and it is now important for us to shape how we utilize the changes to come and demand the market work in our favor.

So, in conclusion I urge you to embrace technology and how it can affect your life. It's better to be on the cusp of each new technological wave rather than let that same wave crash down on you. Embrace your inner geek, it's really not that socially unacceptable anymore.

Thanks for reading.

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Pacer Writer

Dark Horizons is a movie news website that gives special looks and information on motion pictures. The news portion of the site offers a list of weekly film releases, box office results, slides and photos of featured stories, and the latest headlines in the film news articles archive.

If you navigate to the films section of the site, you will find options focused on the latest current and upcoming films. There are brief summaries of featured films including a photo, names of starring actors/actresses, director's name and the opening date. There is also a list of the most popular film pages sorted alphabetically by title or by date.

In the trailers section of the site, there is a list of featured trailers which includes the same information offered in the featured films list. There is a list of the latest trailers from the movie trailers and clips archive. You can click on any of the titles listed to watch the trailer, teaser or other type of clip available for that title.

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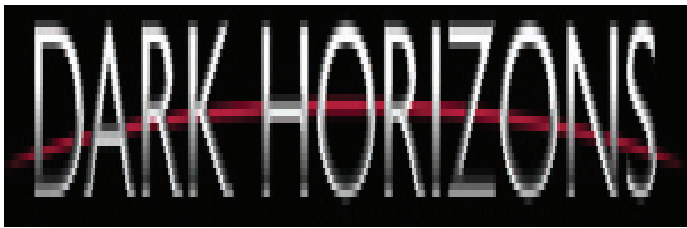
upcoming films. It has a list of dates and all of the films to be released on that date. They are sorted by year with a bar that allows you to choose which year you would like to view. It includes release dates by year from 2003 to 2009. You can also view upcoming DVD and Blu-Ray release dates.

There is a section of reviews which includes a list of featured reviews. Also in this section is a list of the latest headlines in the reviews archive.

The last section of the site is TV. This section has featured guides which include summaries and information about the sitcoms. This section also includes a list of currently airing sitcoms from the episode guide archive.

Dark Horizon is very informative on the latest motion pictures and TV sitcoms. It gives you valuable information on features including when and what you can expect from each in the future.

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Special Tech Feature

2008 : A SUMMER FILM ODYSSEY

BY CHARLIE MCINTOSH

As the semester ends and the summer approaches, the yearly blockbuster film season starts anew. With film studios long suffering from a lack of attendance in ticket sales, the 2008 blockbuster season promises new tech-related gimmicks to attract audiences. In the last Technophile issue this year, we'll send you off knowing what to expect.



Legendary director James Cameron (The Terminator, Aliens, Titanic) will be shooting this science fiction thriller entirely with digital technology. For viewers, this motion picture, coming out in summer 2009, will be in a new form of specialized 3D, bringing audiences into the far off planet where this motion picture will be set.



This summer, we're getting what is rightfully considered the most anticipated movie of the year with "The Dark Knight," starring Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, Michael Caine and the late Heath Ledger as The Joker. Adding to the hype of Ledger's last performance is the fact this is the first live-action feature film to have scenes shot with Imax cameras. In other words, this film will be literally huge both in hype and scope, and is expected to bring record box office numbers this coming July.



Promising a special blend of CGI action and real-time fight scenes, this summer's Iron Man has the hype machine rolling. Robert Downey Jr. will be portraying the Marvel superhero, hopefully bringing more credibility to Marvel's less than stellar motion picture outings. Iron Man will hit theaters this coming May.



Producer Joel Silver was quoted as saying that the entirety of this movie was shot in front of a green screen- and if one views the trailer, they can surely tell. Just from viewing the trailer, this exciting picture seems like an eloquent blend between rendered graphics and live action acting. Expect this film to return big numbers at the box office in the next few weeks.

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Spore game may finally score release date

Heather Peterson
Pacer Writer

Spore, the long awaited game may have a release date. It has been announced that the game should be released the weekend of Sept. 7. The game is for the PC, Macintosh, Nintendo DS and mobile phones.

For people who may not know what Spore is the official site (http://www.spore.com) explains the concept, "Spore gives players their own personal universe in a box. Create and evolve life, establish tribes, build civilizations, sculpt entire worlds and explore a universe created by other gamers. Spore gives players a wealth of creative tools to customize nearly every aspect of their universe: creatures, vehicles, buildings and even UFOs. Players can then seamlessly share their creations with the world or explore infinite new galaxies created by other gamers."

What makes this game so different than other games? It is a massive single player game and according to the website, "it has some of the best features of online multiplayer games. You can share all your creations with people round the world, and check out everything they are making. AI-controlled copies of their creatures and vehicles will populate your game, keeping it fun and fresh. At the same time, you are not playing directly with other people so no-one can come into your personal world and destroy it."

When they say you create every aspect of the game they really mean just that. You begin your life in the "Tidal Pool Phase" absorbing other microscopic creatures until you eventually evolve. The next phase is the "Creature Phase" when you are coming out of the water and evolving into a land creature you will start to be able to explore more areas and take greater risks. The "Tribal Phase" you no longer control just one



creature but the entire tribe is under your control.

The game was originally slated just for PC and through the extensive building phases the other systems came along. The DS version will not be identical to the PC version it is actually a more basic game that will be called Spore Creatures. Even though it is "cutesy" the game is still advanced, you will still be able to start off as a blob and evolve into creatures.

The PC and Mac version will allow you to share and explore your worlds and creatures between the two. However, you will not be allowed to share your creations with DS.

The next advancement for the game will be its eventual release to the Wii; it is still in the early prototyping phase and will not be released this September.



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Softball sweeps five home games, Lintz named pitcher of week

UTM Athletic Communications

The UT Martin softball team picked up its first win of the season at Bettye Giles Field on Wednesday, defeating visiting Middle Tennessee 5-1 in game one of an afternoon double-header. The Skyhawks then edged out a 1-0 win in the second game.

With the win in game one, UTM snapped a five-game skid and also picked up its first win at home over Middle Tennessee in 14 previous opportunities.

"We had outstanding pitching in both games from Kara Harper and Paj Lintz today," said Skyhawk head coach Donley Canary. "It is nice to finally pick up that first win at home and get rid of the evil spirits that seem to have been over us this year. Middle Tennessee is a quality team and we had to beat their top pitcher in both games, so I am very proud of the way we played today."

In game one the Skyhawks were able to jump on the Blue Raiders early when they capitalized on a pair of errors in the first inning. Ashley Benbow led the game off with single to right field. Greer Long then laid down a bunt that was fielded and thrown away by Middle Tennessee pitcher Lindsey Vander Lugt, allowing Benbow to score all the way from first. Long advanced to third on the play and was later thrown out at home, attempting to score on a Megan Williams grounder. The Skyhawks scored their second run when Middle Tennessee's Whitney Padgett mishandled a grounder at third, allowing Laura Roberts to reach base and Williams to score from second base.

The Skyhawks added a third run in the third inning after Benbow again led the inning off with a single, this time to center. A Savannah Roberts single back up the middle of the infield allowed Benbow to cross the plate and give the Skyhawks a 3-0 lead.

Middle Tennessee posted it first and only tally on the scoreboard in the sixth inning when they took advantage of the lone UTM error.

UTM answered the Middle Tennessee score in the bottom half of the sixth when they added two more runs to set the score to its eventual 5-1 final margin.

Kara Harper picked up the win for the Skyhawks after working 7 complete innings, improving her



(Left): UT Martin's Paj Lintz pitches during during the softball team's very successful week. Lintz won three games and was named the OVC pitcher of the week. (Right): Ashton Strode picked up a win in relief. (Left photo: University Relations/Trevor Ruszkowski; Right photo: Pacer photo/Emily Yocum)

record to 6-9 on the year. Harper scattered five hits, giving up only one run and striking out three.

In game two, both teams put on a defensive exhibition for the first five innings of the game. It was not until bottom of the sixth that UTM was able to put the lone run of the game on the board for either team. Benbow reached on a fielder's choice and moved into scoring position at second on a Long single to the short stop. Benbow then came around to score on a Savannah Roberts single up the middle, sliding just under the attempted tag at the plate from Blue Raider catcher Jessica Ives.

Paj Lintz earned the win in the circle for UT Martin, moving to 5-7 on the year. She tossed 7 complete innings, scattering three hits.

The team then swept Tennessee State in a pair of Saturday games at Bettye Giles Field, 2-0 and 6-4, to move right back into contention for a spot in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. The Skyhawks used stellar pitching, including a near record-setting 12 strikeout performance from Paj Lintz, to down the Tigers. The UT Martin bats also came alive

for 13 hits on the day, with three home runs.

With the wins, the Skyhawks made Tennessee State the first opponent in program history that the Skyhawks have registered 40 wins against.

In game one, Lintz and OVC strikeout leader Amanda Vaught dueled it out for almost the entire game. Both pitchers held the opposing bats at bay until the sixth inning. In the bottom of the sixth, with two outs, Greer Long launched a line drive home run over the centerfield fence for the eventual winning run. The long ball was Long's second of the year and her second game winning hit.

The next batter to the plate, Megan Williams, added an insurance run with a home run of her own. The shot was Williams' third of the year and the first time this season the Skyhawks have had back-to-back dingers.

A two-run cushion was all Lintz needed as she continued to mow down the Tiger batters and secure her second complete game shutout victory of the year. En-route to eclipsing her previous career high seven strikeouts, Lintz put together a streak where she fanned six consecutive



Tiger batters. On the day, Lintz scattered four hits and issued only one free pass as she improved to 6-7 on the year.

In game two, the Tigers were able to score their first runs of the day in the third inning when Brittany Webb connected on a three-run homer to give the Tigers an early lead. UTM answered back quickly with four runs in the bottom half of the third to regain the lead after taking advantage of some costly Tiger wild pitches and timely hitting.

Megan Latimer led the fourth off with a single. Long then sent a double to the wall in center field allowing Latimer to score from second. A pair of Weber wild pitches allowed Long to score. Weber was replaced by Caitlin Eaton, who gave up three consecutive singles, allowing Williams to come around and tie the score at three runs apiece. The game one starter, Vaught, then entered the game to become the third Tennessee State pitcher to see action in the inning. Megan Van Arsdale lifted a sacrifice fly to center to score Ashley Byrd, who had come in to run for Savannah Roberts, from third and put the Skyhawks ahead.

TSU tied the game in the top of the fourth.

The Skyhawks tallied the eventually game winning run in the bottom half of the fourth inning when Ashley Benbow connected on her third home run of the year to straight-away center. The long shot was the first game-winning homer of the year for Benbow but was the sixth time she has crossed the plate this year as the game-winning run.

UTM added an insurance run in the sixth after catcher Laurie Lindow led the inning off with her tenth double of the year. Lacie Endrizzi came in to pinch-run for Lindow and advanced to third on a Kara Harper sacrifice bunt before scoring on a Latimer sacrifice fly to center.

Kara Harper started the game for UTM and tossed 3 innings with a pair of strikeouts before Ashton Strode came on in relief. Strode picked up the win to improve to 8-6 on the year. She tossed four innings and struck out one. That one strikeout moved her into a tie for fourth place on the UTM all-time strikeout list.

"These were two big wins for us that will help us get right back into the OVC Tournament race," Canary said. "We had some out-

standing pitching today, especially from Paj Lintz, along with some very timely hitting from Megan Williams and Greer Long."

The Skyhawks completed the sweep of TSU on Sunday afternoon, and Lintz won another game. She was named the Ohio Valley Conference pitcher of the week for her efforts during the week. This is the second time in Lintz's career that she has been awarded the conference's weekly pitching honor. Lintz tossed complete game shutouts in her first two wins of the week, before giving up her first runs of the week in her 21st inning of work.

"Paj had a great weekend for us and picked up a pair of conference wins we really needed along with a quality non-conference win over Middle Tennessee," Canary said. "I'm really proud of her and with the week she had, she really deserves this honor."

Lintz gave up four hits, two runs and six walks in seven innings. She struck out six in the game. She didn't give up her first hit of the game until the fifth inning. She also walked three batters in that inning and still managed to work her way out of the jam.

The Skyhawks helped Lintz out with two runs in the second inning when Megan Van Arsdale hit a solo home run to right field. The round-tripper was Van Arsdale's fourth of the season. Kara Harper doubled to right and freshman Megan Latimer drove in Harper with a double to right field for the second run.

The Skyhawks got the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning when junior Savannah Roberts hit a monster solo home run off the scoreboard in left field. The home run was Roberts' first of the season.

"We had some clutch hits today from Savannah Roberts and Meg Latimer," Canary said. "This win keeps our conference tournament hopes alive."

With the five victories in the week, the Skyhawks improve to 21-23 on the year and 7-8 in the Ohio Valley Conference standings.

The team will travel to Carbondale, Ill., for a doubleheader against perennial power Southern Illinois on Tuesday. They will also host Austin Peay on Thursday and travel to Southeast Missouri for a three-game series on Saturday and Sunday.

Changes in store for 2008 Skyhawk football team include artificial turf

John Summers Sports Editor

While the 2008 UT Martin football season does not begin until August 30, the team has already gone through many changes in the last few months since the end of last season.

The biggest change for next year's team might actually be the field on which they play. Precision Sports Fields and Hawkins Development began construction April 15 on a new, synthetic artificial turf at the Hardy M. Graham Football Stadium.

The approximate cost of the project is \$750,000, and \$250,000 of the funding will come from friends of Skyhawk Athletics. The estimated completion date is July 15. Only two OVC teams have yet to switch to artificial turf.

Artificial turf provides a few benefits that grass does not. The stadium will look

better and more professional. Perhaps the biggest benefit is that the team will not have to worry as much about bad weather conditions. However, artificial turf causes more wear-and-tear on athletes' bodies.

The Skyhawks are scheduled to face two big teams this fall. They will open the season at South Florida, who was ranked at No. 2 in the nation at one point last season, and will play at the always-tough Auburn later in the season.

Changes to the actual team include the signing of five junior college players and one transfer from the University of Memphis. The coaching staff also received national letters of intent from 23 players earlier in the year.

Adam Beauchamp was hired as the team's new defensive line coach and strength and conditioning coordinator. Beauchamp was the associate director

of strength and conditioning at Rice University.

Head coach Jason Simpson also hired Gerad Parker as the team's running backs coach and Anthony Blevins as a defensive second coach and recruiting coordinator and promoted Marcus Satterfield, the team's former quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator, to associate head coach. Parker comes to UTM from the University of Kentucky and Blevins hails from Mississippi State University.

Spring practice began on March 17. Starting positions will be up for grabs at running back, offensive line, middle linebacker and cornerback.

The annual Blue and White intra-squad football game was on April 12. The White team pulled out a 10-7 victory when the probable starting quarterback, Cade Thompson, threw a touchdown pass to E.J.

Daniel with five minutes left to play.

Senior Craig Worthen was the defensive player of the game. He sacked Thompson three times.

Even though the 2008 regular season is still four months away, the team is already gearing up and looks to be well-prepared by the time it arrives.

UT Martin's Cade Thompson attempts to complete a pass during the annual Blue and White intra-squad scrimmage. Thompson threw the game-winning touchdown pass with a little over five minutes left in the game to give the White team a 10-7 victory. Thompson is expected to be the team's starting quarterback this fall after ending last season on a very successful note. (University Relations/Trevor Ruszkowski)



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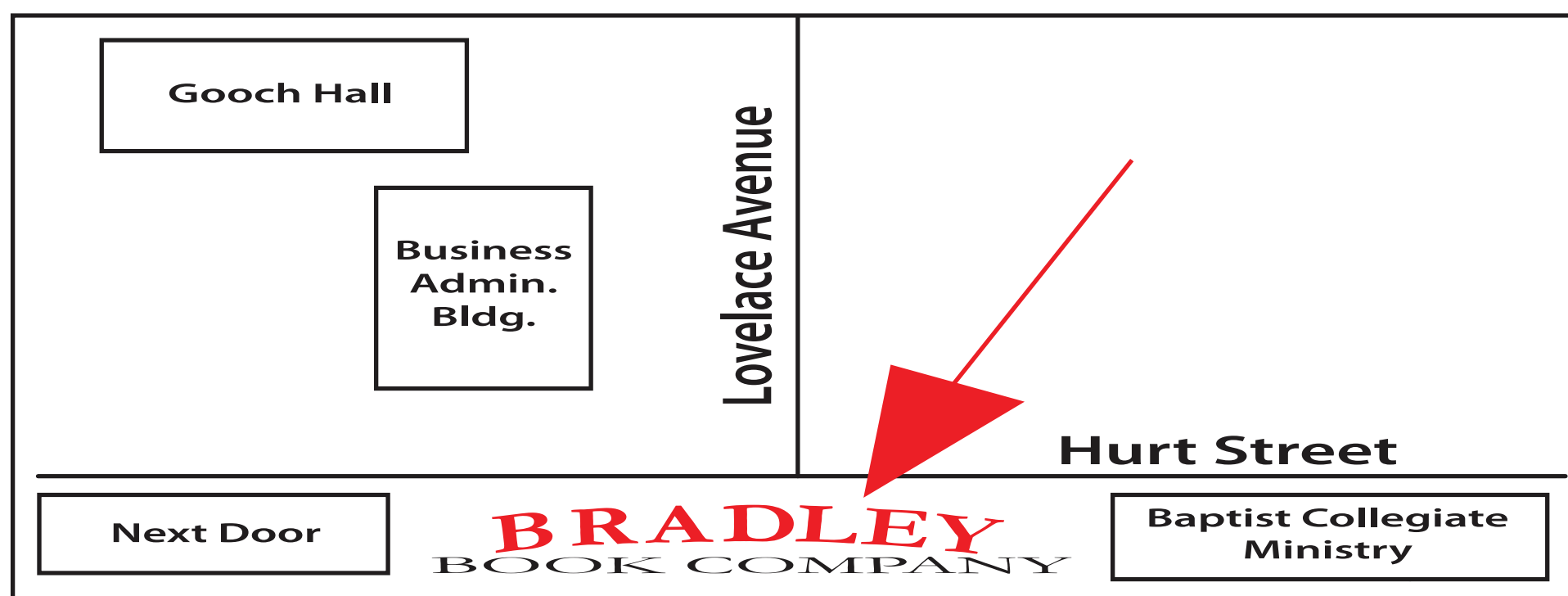
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